



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 2/19/2026 VisitType: Monitoring Visit

Arrival: 9:00 AM Departure: 1:45 PM

CCLC-24194

Little Tigers Academy

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient.
02/19/2026	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
09/17/2025	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
06/24/2025	Complaint Investigation by Phone	Good Standing	
			Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
			Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.
			Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A-1R	One Year Olds	1	4	C	16	C	NA	NA	Free Play
Main	B-2R	Infants	1	4	C	12	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C-3R		0	0	C	8	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	D-4R	Three Year Olds	1	8	C	16	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	E-5R	Three Year Olds	1	12	C	15	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Outside
Main	F-6R		0	0	C	34	C	34	C	Not In Use
Main	G- 6L		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	G-5L		0	0	C	0	C	NA	NA	
Main	H-4L		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	I-5L	Six Year Olds and Over	2	20	C	20	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	J-3L		0	0	C	20	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	K-2L		0	0	C	12	C	NA	NA	Not In Use
Main	L-1L	Two Year Olds	2	11	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Free Play
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 205			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 205				
Total # Children this Date: 59			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 205			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 205				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Area A - Infant/Toddlers	27	C
Main	Area B - Preschool	63	C
Main	Area C - 2 yr olds	28	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
4	9	11	24	35	5	20

Comments

Discussed compliance with State rules and regulations to support ongoing health and safety of children in care.

Plan of Improvement: No Plan Developed



For additional information regarding any licensing topics discussed during this visit, please consult the Rules and Regulations Indicator Manual. This manual provides comprehensive clarification of each rule, including evaluation indicators, related best practices, and relevant considerations to support your program's continued and sustained compliance.

To access the Indicator Manual, please scan the QR code below or visit our website at <https://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).

Please refer to the website, <http://www.decal.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.decal.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)

Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@decal.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

Equipment and furniture observed to be properly secured, as applicable.

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/30/2025

Corrected on 2/19/2026

.08(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. Valid immunization records were on file for enrolled children.

Facility

591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center on this date.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

Comment

Please be mindful to keep items that pose a hazard inaccessible to children.

Comment

Please secure cleaning tools (i.e., broom, plunger) out of reach of children.

Finding

591-1-1-.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that the following hazards were observed: Main E-5R- A toilet bowl brush, plunger, broom and dustpan were accessible in the bathroom. Additionally, Butt paste and empty plastic bags were left in a child's cubby accessible to children presenting a choking hazard. Main D-4R- The sink cabinet was left unlocked with bleach water, sanitizing soap with a warning label "keep out of reach of children", baby wipes with a warning label "keep out of reach of children", and two rolls of empty plastic bags presenting a choking hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2026

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair on this date.

Health and Hygiene**591-1-1-.07 Children's Health****Met**

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2025

Corrected on 2/19/2026

.07(5) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. All infants in Classroom B-2R had no attachments around their neck.

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff stated proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands on this date.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed completed on this date.

Safety**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

Sleeping & Resting Equipment**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Staff Records

Records Reviewed: 21

Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 2

Staff # 9

Not Met

Date of Hire: 01/15/2026

Reminder - Health & Safety training is required within 90 calendar days of hired

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.09-Criminal Records Check Missing

Staff # 20

Not Met

Date of Hire: 07/24/2025

"Missing/Incomplete Components"

.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(a) requires that a Center ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #9 submitted an application online January 30, 2026 but did not complete their fingerprinting.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will review rules and regulations to ensure that every actual and potential Director, Employee and Provisional Employee of a Child Care Learning Center submit both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site as required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The Center will review staff files to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2026**Finding**

591-1-1-.09(1)(c) requires the Center to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. It was determined based on a review of records that Staff #9 did not have a current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center with children. Additionally, Staff #9 completed their application online on January 30, 2026, and was hired on January 15, 2026 and was on the premises and provided direct care to children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

IMMEDIATE CORRECTION - The Center will review state rules and regulations to ensure that every Employee has a valid and current satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination on file prior to being present at the Center while any child is present for care or before an individual age 17 or older resides in the Center. The Comprehensive Records Check Determination must have a Records Check Clearance Date that is no older than the preceding 12 months of the hire date; provided, however, if the Employee has had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer, a new satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination is required. The program's owner or an officer/member of the corporation must view the A to Z Background Check video units pertaining to this records check rule and return the signed affidavit within one week from this visit date. The center will keep a log off Staff CBC records to ensure the CRC rules are maintained.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2026**591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.14(1)(a) - Discussed with the Director to ensure all Staff present in a classroom alone had a valid CPR and First Aid training certificate on file.

Correction Deadline: 2/19/2026**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2025

Corrected on 2/19/2026

.32(1) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. No Staff or children were present in classroom Main C-3R and the appropriate Staff:Child ratio was observed in other classrooms in use.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.